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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: SITHOLE DELEGATION PAPER ON  
INTERIM GOVERNMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER ON STRUCTURE OF INTERIM  
GOVERNMENT TABLED BY ACTION SITHOLE DELEGATION LEADER  
KESSIVE MALINDI AT DEC WORKING SESSION AND LATER  
DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS.

2. BEGIN TEXT

ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION

STRUCTURE OF AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF ZIMBABWE

1. IN INTRODUCING THE SUMMARY OF OUR PROPOSALS FOR  
THE STRUCTURE OF AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION FOR ZIMBABWE  
YESTERDAY, WE STATED THAT THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE  
INTERIM ADMINISTRATION DURING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION  
TO INDEPENDENCE WILL BE TO RUN THE DAY TO DAY AFFAIRS OF  
THE COUNTRY AND PREPARE FOR THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE  
ELECTIONS.

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2. OUR PROPOSALS PLACE A VERY HIGH PREMIUM ON PEACE AND SECURITY. GIVEN THE SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE OVER THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS, THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN ZIMBABWE IS, IN OUR VIEW, SO IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE PREPOSED A DEFENCE COUNCIL WHICH WILL DEVOTE ITSELF TO MATTERS RELATING TO THE DEFENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY OF ZIMBABWE.

3. THE DEFENCE COUNCIL WILL BE MADE UP OF THE LEADERS OR LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DELEGATIONS TO THIS CONFERENCE. THESE MEMBERS WILL BE PART OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BUT WILL HAVE NO SPECIFIC PORTFOLIOS SO THAT THEY DEVOTE MOST OF THEIR TIME TO NATIONAL DEVENCE AND SECURITY. THE DEFENCE COUNCIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE, SUBJECT TO THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

4. WE ALSO STATED YESTERDAY, THAT THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE SMALL IN ORDER TO BE EFFICIENT AND YET LARGE ENOUGH TO BE EFFECTIVE. WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY PROPOSED A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF 20 MEMBERS WHICH WILL BE THE LEGISLATURE AND EXECUTIVE OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION.

5. OUR TWO GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN MAKING THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN

A) THAT THE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE SIMPLE AND

B) THAT THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

I FORMALLY PRESENT OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE STRUCTURE OF AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF ZIMBABWE.

#### STRUCTURE OF ZIMBABWE'S INTERIM ADMINISTRATION

1. THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF ZIMBABWE SHALL BE UNICAMERAL AND SHALL BE COMPOSED OF A PRESIDUM AND A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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#### 2. HEAD OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION

A) THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE HEADED BY A PRESIDUM.

B) THE PRESIDUM SHALL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE DELEGATIONS TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON

ZIMBABWE.

C) THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDUM SHALL BE TO PRESIDE  
OVER THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

D) MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM SHALL ROTATE IN CHAIRING THE  
SAID MEETINGS.

### 3. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE POWERS OF THE INTERIM  
ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE VESTED IN THE COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS.

A) THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHALL BE COMPOSED OF TWENTY  
MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

I) FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM WHO SHALL EACH BE  
MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, AND

II) FIFTEEN OTHER MINISTERS WHO SHALL EACH HEAD A  
MINISTRY.

B) THE MINISTERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE HEADS OF  
DELEGATIONS TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. EACH DELEGATION  
SHALL BE ENTITLED TO APPOINT FOUR MINISTERS.

C) FUNCTIONS  
THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHALL BE:

I) TO MAKE LAWS FOR ZIMBABWE DURING THE PERIOD OF  
TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

II) EXERCISE THE EXECUTIVE POWERS DURING THE SAID  
PERIOD.

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III) TO PREPARE A DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR ZIMBABWE.

IV) TO PREPARE AND SUPERVISE PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS.

V) WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE FOREGOING, TO PERFORM SUCH  
FUNCTIONS AND EXERCISE SUCH POWERS AS MAY BE NECESSARY  
FOR THE PEACE, ORDER AND GOOD ADMINISTRATION OF ZIMBABWE.

D) DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHALL BE BY  
SIMPLE MAJORITY.

E) LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
SHALL BECOME LAW UPON PUBLICATION IN THE GAZETTE.

4. THERE SHALL BE A DEFENCE COUNCIL RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THE DEFENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY OF ZIMBABWE.

THE DEFENCE COUNCIL SHALL BE MADE UP OF THE MEMBERS OF  
THE PRESIDUM, AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE COUNCIL  
OF MINISTERS. THE DEFENCE COUNCIL SHALL CHOOSE ITS  
OWN CHAIRMAN.

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